

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5 has been amended as follows:

United States Patent No. ~~6,457,904~~ 6,467,901 and German OS ~~100 32 885~~ 100 32 855 disclose a device for printing on a print medium that is utilized in a mail processing device such as in the postage meter machine ultimail® of Francotyp Postalia AG & Co. KG. The print media, for example letter envelopes, franking tapes or comparable franking material, are transported downstream in the mail stream in a transport direction by a driven transport drum, with a non-driven counter-pressure device pressing the print medium against the transport drum in a direction orthogonal to the transport direction. The two ink cartridges project partially into the transport drum and carry two ink jet printheads that undertake the printing on the moving print medium in non-contacting fashion. Both printheads are arranged orthogonal to the transport direction and orthogonal to the counter-pressure direction with their nozzles close to the edge of the transport drum, whereby the nozzles can generate a complete imprint in one pass of the print medium through the machine. Markings that are distributed around the circumference of the transport drum are applied to the end face of the transport drum close to the circumference. For example, the markings are reflective lines that are detected by a reflection barrier or transmitted light barrier of an encoder and are converted into printing pulses in the ~~ratio~~ ratio 1:1 by the microprocessor of a controller. Gradual, slow fluctuations in the transport speed thus have no influence on a generated print image when the duration of the print cycle is modified.